

11/4/08

A participatory documentary

On 11/4/08, you voted for the *opportunity* for change.

On 11/2/10, you can seal the deal.

As we gear up for the midterm elections, the most effective tool for Getting Out The Vote will occur on 10/20/10...

Two weeks before the election of Barack Obama, I asked friends around the world to film their experiences of 11/4/08. I collected footage from over a dozen cities, from Alaska to Dubai, and edited it into a feature-length documentary. What emerges is a portrait of how people choose to live through history. Check out the trailer: 11-4-08.com/trailer

For one night only – on October 20, 2010 – 11/4/08 will screen simultaneously in theaters throughout the US, and will be followed by a live streaming Q&A with filmmaker Jeff Deutchman. Americans who dared to hope on Election Day 2008 will be able to tune in from wherever they are in the country, tweet their questions to Jeff, and be reminded of what it felt like to believe in change.

Here are just a few of the things people have been saying about the movie, from coast to coast:

“I came to see a film capturing the election of Barack Obama and I got a lot more than that. I really got the best film I’ve ever seen about capturing what participatory democracy looks like.”

- Audience-member at the Sarasota Film Festival – Sarasota, FL

“The film does a great job of capturing the hopefulness of that day...it just brought back so many memories”

- Audience-member at the SXSW Film Festival – Austin, TX

“I felt myself becoming more passionate and engaged. It revived it in me again. It kind of counteracts that disillusionment or discouragement and revives that sense of “I better get there, I better get going on this.”

- Audience-member at the Traverse City Film Festival – Traverse City, MI

“Watching the film you’re reminded how it felt for so much of the country to have so much hope.”

- Ari Berman, *The Nation*

“This film takes you back to that historical day in 2008 when a nation built on the backs of slaves elected an African American as president. Sitting and watching it was EXHILARATING -- and it helped shore up my waning hope that change could still occur.”

- Michael Moore

On October 20, two weeks before the midterms, these are exactly the kind of feelings we want to re-instill in people in order to re-energize the Democratic base.

YOU CAN GET IN ON THIS!

- Buy your ticket to the Honolulu screening here: http://hiff.org/program/index.php/films/detail/11408_2010.
- Include info about 11/4/08 in your next e-blast!
- Link to 11-4-08.com on your website, personal blog & Facebook page!

- **Tweet** about *11/4/08*! Or re-tweet the filmmaker - [@jeffdeutchman](#)
- If your state has Early Voting, you can offer to drive people directly from the screening to the polls, **converting those audience reactions into ACTUAL VOTES!**
- **Did you shoot footage on 11/4/08?** I'm still collecting footage at [11-4-08.com](#)! If you upload your footage prior to Oct 20, I'll give you a free ticket to your local screening.

The goal of this project is to democratize the way that history is written in the digital age. I want [11-4-08.com](#) to become a collaborative, interactive history textbook where we are all the authors of our own history.

Democracy is my shared goal with you. We want this coming midterm to be an election with record voter turnout.

If you or anyone you know is interested in helping use *11/4/08* as an effective organizing, fundraising and GOTV tool, please contact me.

Thanks so much,
jeff.deutchman@gmail.com